

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION

January 2016 Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Chris Babb, Thayne Bedenkop, Brad Bonham, Brian Kwiatkowski, and Annie Weisbrod. City Staff: Terry Huxel (Staff representative), Jen Eismeier

The minutes of the December Environmental Stewardship Commission (ESC) meeting were approved.

Solid Waste/Wheeled Trash Bin Updates

Terry reported that Rumpke is still behind on reporting the monthly solid waste and recycling numbers. He will follow-up with Rumpke to get the data. In addition, postcards/residential mailers will be sent out in advance of Spring Clean-up to inform residents of proper disposal of yard waste and appropriate items for pick-up.

Textile Recycling Update

ESC to confirm whether or not additional Goodwill textile recycling containers have been placed at the High School and/or Middle School.

ESC Communications

Upcoming ESC communications for /spring of 2016 were discussed. Communication topics could focus on living with wildlife, including winter bird feeding, raptor migration, deer population and impact, urban coyotes, etc. Other communications topics for 2016 include invasive vegetation removal methods, replacement plants, organic lawn care, home composting, and outreach for upcoming events, such as the Honeysuckle Roundup, Hamilton County Composting workshop, and Backyard Bird Count.

ESC Schedule

Upcoming ESC events include the home composting workshop in April 2016, the second annual honeysuckle round-up in Spring of 2016 (date and time TBD), annual rain garden maintenance (date/time TBD), and Fall Fest on October 1st, 2016. Other potential events include tree walks, tree sales with UFBC, and the winter Backyard Bird Count. ESC will continue to pursue social media outlets for communications on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

Miscellaneous

The Mill Creek Watershed Council of Communities is hosting a West Fork Mill Creek hike on Saturday, February 6th at North Park.

Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for February 10, 2016.